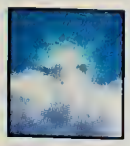

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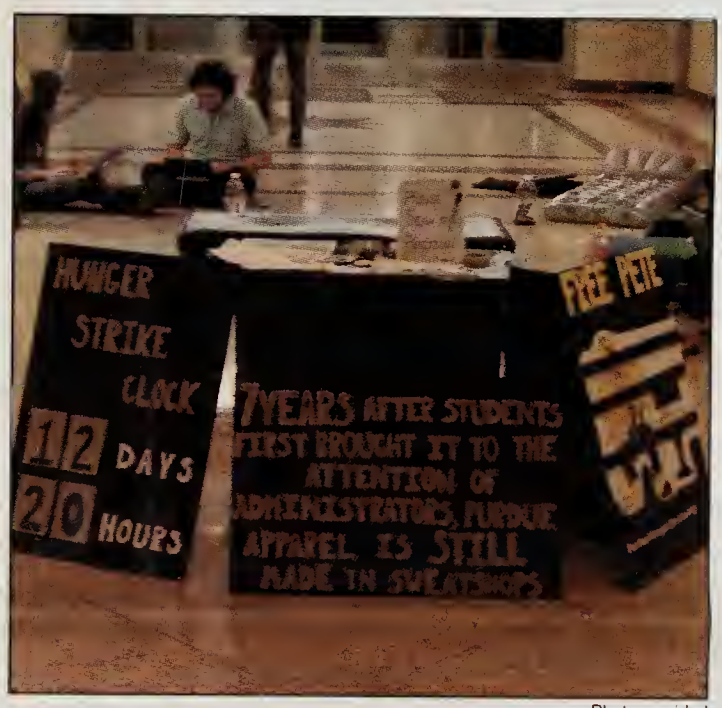
# Purdue hunger strike reaches 17 days

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**Students in West Lafayette protest Purdue is being made in sweatshops. They say their hunger strike will continue until changes are made.**

For more information visit
www.purduehungerstrike.org

**ISABEL RODRIGUEZ**
Entertainment Editor

Today will mark 17 days since 15 Purdue West Lafayette students have last eaten.

Students began a hunger strike Nov. 17 after several attempts to persuade Purdue administration to adopt the policy of Designated Suppliers Program, a program requiring manufacturers of Purdue collegiate apparel to abide by certain standards, including legal and workers' rights issues.

"We pretty much exhausted other options," said Nathan Jun, professor of philosophy and literature at Purdue's main campus.

"We tried lots of strategies. They were ineffective."

Since discovering Purdue apparel is being made with sweatshop labor, students have asked the administration to adhere to the DSP.

They also ask for the university to seek manufacturers that use Purdue's Code of Conduct so that workers can receive a living wage and allow a democratic union to be formed, according to purduehungerstrike.org.

Students resorted to boycotting, sit-ins and even dance-ins at Purdue President Martin Jischke's office.

Their attempts at reform were unsuccessful, but not unseen.

"Support for the campaign is overwhelming," said Jun, who is also a hunger strike participant. "We received numerous e-mails expressing solidarity."

Support from outsiders has come in all forms. Donations of juice surround the headquarters for the boycotting students, who have a camp set up in the Stewart Center. But along with supporters come protesters. Students have occasionally taunted the starving students.

"In one occasion, a student threw Taco Bell bags at us," said Jun.

No students have dropped out from the hunger strike despite the taunting, noticeable weight loss and fatigue. No cases of hospitalization or medical assistance have occurred. The most severe case of fatigue involved a student passing out on a stairwell and vomiting.

Protesting students had yet to hear a response from Jischke or other administrators. On Nov. 30 Jischke allegedly agreed to meet with students on Dec. 6- effectively raising the strike to 20 days without food.

After a group of faculty, labor union and student organization members lent their support and marched toward Jischke's office with a petition signed by 1,500 supporters in hand, a decision to move the meeting up to Dec. 1 was made.

Although meetings with President Jischke were rescheduled, Jun hoped for an immediate meeting for the sake of the exhausted students.

"[There is] no reason why he can't meet with us sooner," said Jun.

The protesters say they are prepared to continue the hunger strike if the policy is not implemented.

"[The university is] very unlikely to agree to adopt the DSP," said Jun. "Well, we'll keep hunger striking."

# Loops program offers prizes, promotes activity

**NICOLE ELISCHER**
Staff Writer

Students and faculty members can walk around the campus grounds for fun or prizes in the Peregrine Loops program.

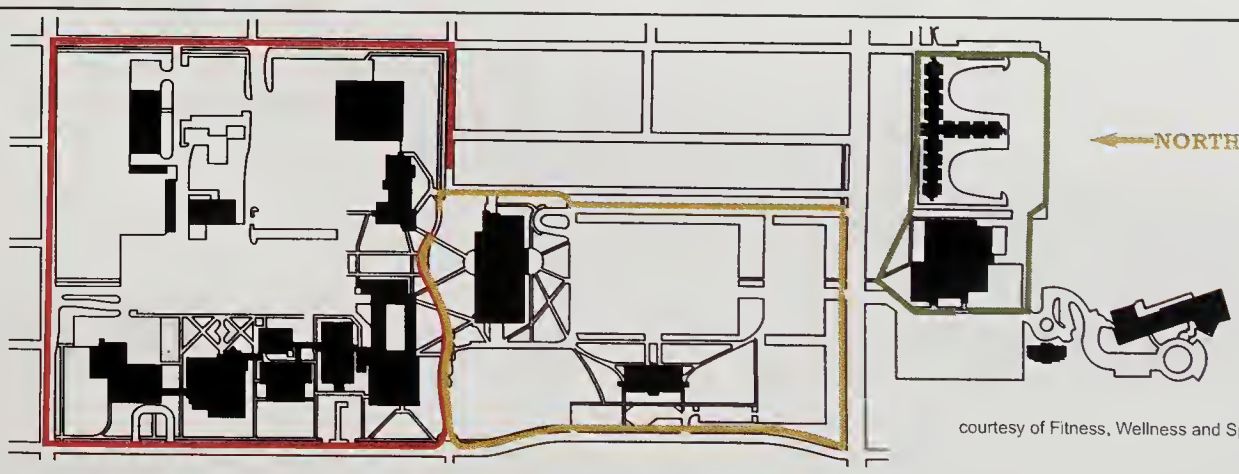
Sponsored by the Fitness and Wellness Center, the program was started in Oct. and offers three designated paths on campus.

John Bobalik, coordinator of the Fitness Center, said the purpose of the Loops program is to give people an opportunity to add more activity to their daily lifestyle. People can choose from one of three paths on the campus grounds and walk the routes for fun or prizes, weather permitting.

The prizes for those wanting to take part in the contest are a key chain for those who walk 5 miles, a pin for those who walk 10 miles and a travel mug for those who walk 25 miles. The Loops program ends Dec. 8.

A new program will be offered in the spring and the designated paths will be marked off with more signs than the Fall Loops program.

Sheila Rezak, educational librarian, said she took part in the Loops program because she enjoys walking and participating in many of the programs offered by the Fitness and Wellness Center.




courtesy of Fitness, Wellness and Sports

**North Campus Loop (1 mile)-** Starts by campus walkway between SUL and Gyte building, goes through walkway west to sidewalks on Woodmar Avenue and 169th St. and ends on the right side of emergency phone #106.

**South Campus Loop (3/4 mile)-** Also starts by campus walkway between SUL and Gyte building, goes through walkway west to sidewalks on Woodmar Avenue and 173rd St. and ends on left side of emergency phone# 106.

**The Fitness and Recreation Center/ University Village Loop (1/2 mile)-** Starts at Southwest entrance of Fitness Center and covers parking lot between Fitness Center and University Village.

**For information contact John Bobalik at 989-2175. Maps are available at http://www.calumet.purdue.edu/fitnesscenter/downloads/peregrineloopsmap.pdf**

Rezak said she has taken part in other programs, such as the Lick the Holiday Pounds program and is planning to take part in the FRC classes which will be offered during stress free week which is during finals.

Wellness Coordinator Martha Lowery said walking is a great way to start exercising.

"Obviously, if people do a little walking each day in their lives, it will help their heart and stress level," said Lowery.

## ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

# *Winter Weather*

## and decisions to cancel classes, close campus

Last weekend's first brush with winter this academic year was a fitting reminder that Purdue Calumet has a procedure in place for making decisions to suspend classes and/or close the campus should it be deemed necessary in the interest of personal safety due to adverse weather conditions—or, for that matter, other sudden, unusual or unexpected circumstances.

The Chancellor, in consultation with the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services, will decide when it is necessary to take such action.

The decision to interrupt normal campus operations means either of the following conditions is in effect:

### "CLASSES ARE CANCELED"

This means that ALL classes scheduled to meet that particular day on campus or at the Academic Learning Center in Merrillville have been canceled, but university offices, departments and services remain open.

or

### "THE UNIVERSITY IS CLOSED"

This means that NO on- and off-campus functions, services, programs and activities will take place that day. The campus is considered closed to all persons except those assisting in emergency operations. Consequently, all persons except emergency personnel are required to immediately leave the campus. No one will be permitted to return until normal campus operations are resumed. This requirement is necessary to ensure personal safety and to facilitate emergency operations such as snow removal.

Students can receive prompt and accurate information via the following:

Contact Information

1. **Radio/TV announcements**—The Assistant Vice Chancellor for Advancement/University Relations will be responsible for notifying these stations with cancellation/closure announcements:

   ***Radio*** – **WJOB** (Hammond, *1230-am*), **"Z-107"-WZVN** Valparaiso, *107.1-fm*), **WXRD** (Valparaiso, 103.9-fm), **WLOI** (LaPorte, 1540-am), **WEFM** (Michigan City, 95.9-fm), **WAKE** (Valparaiso 1500-am & 105.5-fm) and, through the ***Emergency Closing Center*** - Chicago stations: **WGN** (720-am), **WBBM** (780-am).

   ***Television*** – **CBS-TV/Channel 2, NBC-TV/Channel 5, ABC-TV/Channel 7, WGN-TV/Channel 9, Fox-TV/Channel 32, and CLTV cable.**

2. **Information Center**—Via voice mail message. The message can be accessed by phoning extensions **2993** or **2400**.

3. **University Home Page**—The message will be conveyed on the Purdue Calumet home page accessible at: ***www.calumet.purdue.edu***

***In the absence of any cancellation/closure message per above, assume the campus remains open, classes remain scheduled and normal campus operations are in effect.***

### NOTIFICATION TO "RESUME" NORMAL CAMPUS OPERATIONS

At the direction of the Chancellor and/or Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services, notification to resume normal campus operations will be communicated accordingly:

1. **Purdue Calumet home page - *www.calumet.purdue.edu***
2. **Information Center - 219/989-2993 or 219/989-2400**

**Note:** Radio and television stations typically do not announce resumption of activities/operations.

### OUR BEST ADVICE:

- To learn about campus closures/cancellations, stay close to the radio and the Purdue Calumet web site.
- To learn when normal campus operations are resuming following campus closures/cancellations, refer to the Purdue Calumet web site.

# What's Goin' On?

## A look around...

### Orientation Leaders Wanted

For students who want to meet new people and get involved, student orientation leader positions are available.

For an application and information, go to www.calumet.purdue.edu/newstudent or contact New Student Orientation at 989-4160.

The New Student Orientation office is located in SUL 104B (next to the game room).

### Chancellor's Reading Circle

The reading circle is Jan. 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Kuiper House, located one block from campus.

Professor Richard Rupp will facilitate a discussion of the book "King Leopold's Ghost: A story of Greed, Terror and Heroism in Colonial Africa."

Interested students may contact Student Activities at 989-2369 or in SUL 104B (next to the game room) to register. Books are free and refreshments are provided.

### Madden '07Tournament

The PUC Baseball Team will be sponsoring a Madden video game tournament. The event will be held on Dec 2 from 10 to 4 p.m. The entry fee is $20. Winners will receive cash prizes of $100, $50 and $20. The Tournament will be played with 'Madden 07' for PlayStation 2.

For more information call Darren Zancan at 381-7335 or go to www.life.calumet.purdue.edu/baseball.

### Softball Call-Out

The women's softball team will be holding a call-out in the Rec Center gym on Dec. 4 from 8 to 10 p.m.

For more information call Amanda LeVin at 718-9521 or Lacy Holevis at 776-3088.

### Foster Care hosts Job Fair

On Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. there will be a job fair. The fair will be held at Lee's Inn & Suites Meeting Room - Merrillville 6201 Opportunity Lane.

The same fair will be held on Thursday, Dec. 14 from 7 a.m. to 10 am. The event is sponsored by The Villages Foster Parent Community.

For more information go to www.villagekids.com or e-mail them at hres@villages.org.

### Deadline Approaching for Faculty Research Abroad Program

The FRAP is designed to explore new funding opportunities and research collaborations by faculty members at PUC.

The deadline for the program is Dec. 5.

### CTIS to present technology for the classroom

On Dec. 4 CTIS will be holding a presentation by the Candidate for the Associate Director of Instructional Technology, Kwesi Tandoh.

The presentation will be held in Potter 334 from 1p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Tandoh will be demonstrating technology that he feels is of real value in the classroom.

### CSSAC Scholarship

The CSSAC will be offering up to ten scholarships for the 2007 spring semester.

These scholarships are intended to help ease the burden of expenses for clerical and service staff employees and their dependents.

For more information contact GroupWise, or call Lla Muller at 989-2455.

# Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

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# United Way Campaign narrowly misses goal

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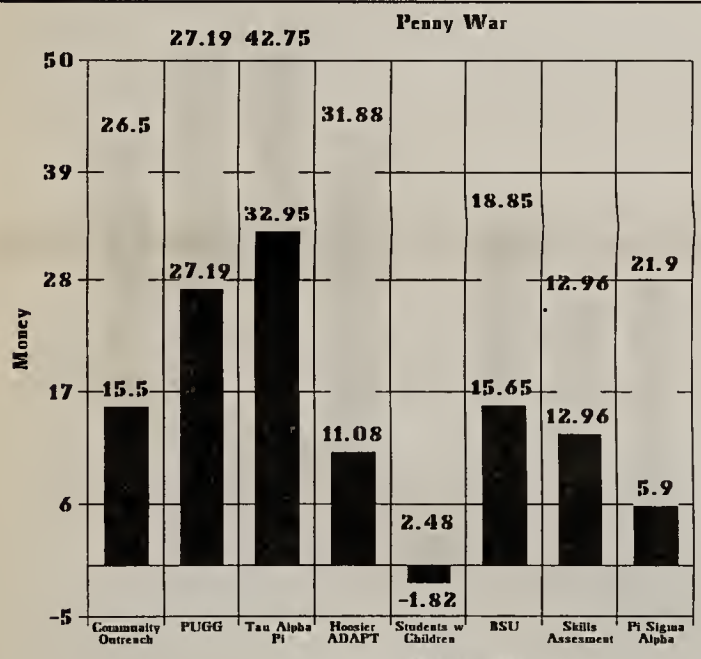
The Lake Area United Way campaign returned $156. This came up short of their goal which was $192. The Penny War raised a total of $190.51.




# Presentation promotes awareness of racial inequality

**BRANDON THOMAS**
News Editor

More than 50 percent of African-American students do not return after their first year of college at PUC.

Last Tuesday Black Student Union President Miranda Mathena, a senior majoring in political science, gave a presentation based on her research paper entitled, "Afro-Americans and the American Dream, The Role of Education."

The presentation focused on the disparities of ethnicity in education and the workforce and how this ties into the ideology of the "American dream."

"The 'American dream' is not promoting social change, it is upholding the status quo," said Mathena.

One reason for the disparity, which became a consensus among Mathena and the active audience, was the lack of a support system at PUC and the effects it has on a student's self confidence when faced with the challenging environment of college.

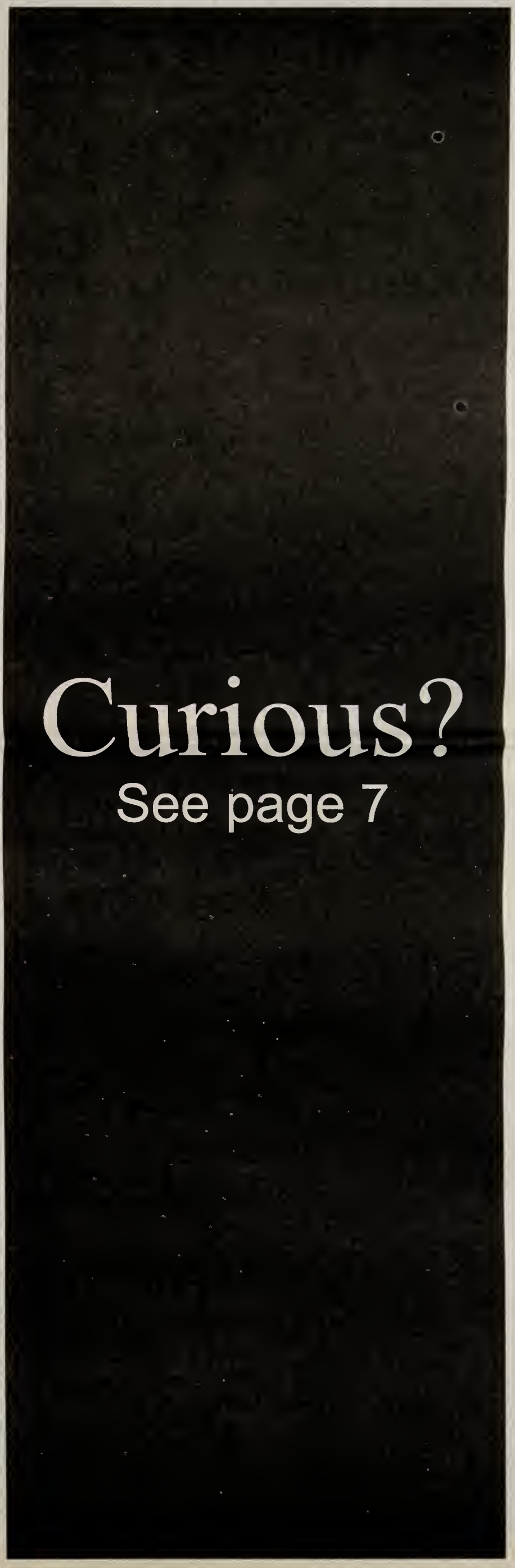
"Many people have the goal of getting into college," said tutoring and recruiting coordinator Raymond Davis. "Some get in and realized they are not prepared...The ones that have a support system stay around."

The next obstacle for students of all races is standardized tests, which has become an integral part of education and the evaluation of students.

"This obsession with number-based qualifications is like taking a snapshot of a person," said Alan Spector, professor of sociology. "You can't judge how well a car works from a snapshot and you can't tell what a person's academic potential is by a snapshot of some numbers."

Mathena originally attempted writing her research paper without the component of race. After doing the bulk of her research, she said she discovered it came up anyway.

"Many Afro-Americans are told they do not have the skills [necessary for college] and are being blamed for not having those skills," said Mathena.



# Poli Sci club offers students options

**KALYN NELSON**
Staff Writer

An informative meeting was held last Wednesday to describe the formation of a new club on campus, the Political Science Club.

The meeting was held in SUL 305. The two members responsible for initiating the PSC are Jacob Homan, a junior and president of the club, and Vice President Cameron Reeves, a senior.

The faculty sponsor is Associate Professor of Political Science E. Gene Defelice, who came up with the idea for the PSC after a year off from teaching.

Since this club is in the planning process, its main prerogative is to recruit people who want to learn and be more politically aware on and around the campus, according to Reeves.

The club is open to any student or faculty member who has an interest in politics.

Homan said with the formation of this club, he hopes to create a political atmosphere with debates and social forums and more of a traditional college impression, rather than the junior college feel many students believe PUC has.

According to Homan, the reason there is a lack of interest in the club is because of the conflicting work schedules of students and the difficulty in trying to find a good meeting time.

The PSC hopes they can hold social events, critiques and discussions of philosophies.

Reeves believes if PUC can gain an atmosphere of political awareness a controversial issue on campus would spur students involved could take a stand.

It is Reeves' hope to bring the political and socioeconomic society, as a whole, to the entire campus instead of a small group of students and to have student forums to discuss political activities and events.

Another informational meeting will be held Dec.6 at 5 p.m. in SUL 305
For more information email the Political Science Club at politicalscienceclubpuc @yahoo.com

Chronicle photo by David P. Funk

**Chronicle reporter Kalyn Nelson speaks with President of the Politcal Science Club Cameron Reeves (left) and Vice President Jacob Homan. The club has yet to draw any new members. They will have a another meeting Dec. 8.**

# Cohen speaks on leadership

Chronicle photo by Bradley Ehrhardt

**Chancellor Howard Cohen was the speaker at the sixth edition of the Inspired Leaders Series, a series sponsored by the CCCLD**

**CAITLIN RYDER**
Chronicle Correspondent

Chancellor Howard Cohen was the guest speaker at the sixth installment of the Fall 2006 Inspired Leaders Series.

"Ethical Leadership and Followership - The Importance of Ethics" was held in SUL Nov 30.

"Leadership is making decisions for other people and the obligations that go along with that," said Cohen.

Cohen said he has been thinking about issues like ethics and philosophy for some time and believes he has understood the gist of how they apply to the role of leadership.

"My way of thinking about [ethics and leadership] is that we talk about a person's values in terms of their morality," said Cohen.

Cohen established a link between a leader of a group to a parent of a child, explaining each as having a similar set of morals and values that help them cooperate together efficiently. He further explained leadership as a contract creating a relationship between the leader and member.

"I thought it put in perspective, the qualities of good leadership," said Dominic Adams, a junior majoring in political science. "I found the wisdom of the Chancellor overwhelming."

One of the main topics throughout the discussion revolved around how leadership can fail. Cohen feels engaging others to work for the organization is one of the most difficult obstacles to accomplish.

"The hardest thing for people to comprehend about leadership is having to act professional, not always like a friend," said Cohen. "I'm two different people. I am Chancellor Cohen and I am Howard Cohen."

He further explained leadership as a contract, creating a relationship between leader and member.

The basics of leadership, which includes the topic, authority versus power, were interactively explored with the attendees and Cohen. Students had the opportunity to ask questions and share their experiences with leadership

"I learned that a good leader has people cooperate together to reach a common goal," said Jessica Monix, a sophomore political science major.

# Stress Free Week

December 4 - 8

**Free hand and chair massages!**

Monday and Tuesday in the SUL Concourse from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wednesday and Thursday in the CLO Concourse from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Free bath salts and stress related information
Sponsored by the Counseling and Wellness Centers

December 4

**Caramel Apple Slices**

From 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the SUL Concourse

December 5

**Movie and Popcorn**

"Click" starring Adam Sandler
Show Times: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
in Calumet Falls T.V. room

**Operation Night Cafe**

From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the CLO Concourse

December 7

**Mindful Meditation**

11 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. and Noon - 12:50 p.m.
SUL Founders Study

December 8

**Family Movie Night With Crafts**

"The Polar Express"
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Calumet Falls
Sponsored by Students with Children and Student Activities

December 11

**FREE Pancakes!**

9 p.m. to midnight in the cafeteria
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# If Oprah can do it, so can we

JESSICA COCHRAN
Sports Editor

Over the holidays many of us spend a lot of time and money on our family and friends to show how much we care, but what about those less fortunate than ourselves?

Consistent with the 2000 census, 12.4 percent of the population nationwide is below the poverty line. According to chicagohomeless.org there, are approximately 166,000 homeless people in the Chicago area alone.

Think about those hundreds of thousands of people this holiday season who will wake up Christmas morning with nothing under the tree and barely anything to eat. Those are the people that can use a little extra love and help this season, even from perfect strangers.

Recently, Oprah Winfrey tried to do just that. After passing out $1,000 gift cards to members of her audience, Winfrey told them to spend the entire grand on complete strangers; it was truly remarkable what her audience managed to do.

The offerings ranged from donating money to charities and sending gifts to soldiers in Iraq, all the way to raising over $70,000 for a family of 11 whose father is dying from cancer.

She called this the gift of giving back, and that idea is extremely inspiring.

I'm not saying to give away your life savings this season. I don't know of many people who can spare more than a few dollars, whether they're college students or not. But it's not difficult to give what little you can.

Toss your extra change into the Salvation Army buckets outside of your favorite store, or if you see someone on the side of the street buy them a hamburger or give them a blanket. Even if your funds are seriously lacking, spend some time at a soup kitchen or clean out your closet and donate clothing, jackets or gloves to a local shelter.

In the words of Oprah, "Imagine the love and kindness you can spread with $1,000."

Even if its not $1,000, think about the smile you could put on another's face with a simple contribution from the heart.

After all, the holiday season is a time for giving.

## Students speak out about alumni donations...

***Do you plan on donating to PUC after you graduate?***

**"No, I don't think I'll have extra money."**

Casey Kim, freshmen, accounting

**"I guess so, I would give back to help other students."**

Jasmine Guy, freshman, accounting

**"Never thought about that"**

Danielle Milevsnich,freshman, nursing

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# The Chronicle

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# More alumni involvement with athletic funding necessary

Athletic funding is indeed something essentially needed at PUC. However, the lack of donations toward campus athletics may be solved or helped if a portion of certain annual funding and donations can be put forth to the athletic department.

A good start would be a portion of funding from alumni campaigns and gifts.

If more donations from alumni were put toward athletic funding, surely PUC would be able to achieve its goals of reinstating its position to NAIA Division I, for example.

PUC also runs a Purdue Annual Fund - a campaign used to advance the campus toward becoming a "world class university," according to PUC's official website.

This annual fundraiser contributes to scholarships, library services, campus improvements and technology.

As stated in last week's editorial in The Chronicle, increasing funding to athletics will only increase recruitment as well as quality of student life and participation from the student body. It's just as essential as a scholarship to incoming students and upgrading technology on campus.

PUC is a wise investment for alumni. The better the reputation of this university, the further their degrees can take them.

The official Web site for the Purdue Annual Fund states the gifts to this particular fund can go to any specific department or can be considered "unrestricted," and be used wherever the money is needed most.

Here is where athletic funding comes in.

A specific campaign can be made to raise money will be effective.

Purdue Alumni Association alone raised $158,800 for scholarships given to 193 students (both current and incoming) in 2005-2006.

If a similar campaign is constructed to fund athletics and sold to alumni with the points in last week's editorial, only good things can happen.

So, come on alumni, show us how much you care. Give something back to the university and its athletic department.

You'll be helping yourself, along with every present, past and future Peregrine or Laker.

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# Shopping guide for holiday gifts

## What to buy for him

**DAVID P. FUNK**
Editor in Chief

Guys are very easy to shop for. You just have to know us. And who should know us better than our girlfriends?

**Visit these sites to find a gift for your man:**

beermonthclub.com

bestbuy.com

stubhub.com

Almost all of us are into music of some kind. You know what genres he's into, so get him a couple of CDs or buy him some electronic music for his media player. If he doesn't own a media player, your decision is made.

He's sure to be happy with an Arcos 504 portable media player. It plays music, videos and records directly from the TV to its huge 80 GB hard drive. You can pick one up at Best Buy for $380.

If that's out of your price range, pick up an iPod and get him an iTunes gift certificate.

Gift certificates are almost always adequate holiday gifts for men. We're not going to get offended because you didn't put enough thought into our present.

And besides, we'll spend the money better than you would spend it for us. So gift cards for restaurants, electronics superstores or online shops are all acceptable.

Guys, in general, hate shopping for clothes. So, this is the only place a gift card is unacceptable. If he needs clothes, buy him some. He'll wear them and appreciate you saving him a trip to the mall.

Just make sure you buy clothes he would wear, not clothes you wish he would wear.

If your boyfriend enjoys a good beer from time to time, he'll be grateful for a Microbrewed Beer of the Month Club membership. Subscriptions are available in two to 12 month terms and include a monthly newsletter, "The Brew Harvest Review," for as little as $17.95.

If he's a sports fan, show him how much you appreciate him with a couple of basketball, football or hockey tickets. If the game's sold out, you can sometimes find them at face-value at www.stubhub.com.

Let him decide if he takes you or his buddies and try not to get upset if you're not invited to the Hawks game.

If your arm-candy is a movie buff, find out what his collection is missing and fill in the gaps on his shelf.

Some guys like to watch a new movie every weekend. If that sounds like your guy, a gift subscription to Netflix gives him a never-ending stream of movies to watch. He just builds his queue online and Netflix sends him the top of his list. When he sends one back, they send the next one in line.

So, stop worrying about what your boyfriend wants for the holidays. These helpful hints should solve all your gift-giving problems.

## What to buy for her

**ISABEL RODRIGUEZ**
Entertainment Editor

The holidays are a few weeks away and already the troubles of finding the perfect gift for your girlfriend are on your mind.

First step; breathe and read on.

The perfect gift for your girlfriend awaits at the most obvious places, like the mall. Don't panic. If in doubt, seek her best friend or sister to tag along to shop.

The number one rule on your shopping expedition; avoid gift cards. The worst move to make is presenting your sweetheart with a gift card – unless it's to her absolute favorite store and she suggested wanting one.

If your girlfriend enjoys the good life and wears designer labels, buy her a nice purse. If you have extra cash to spend this season, browse through Macys and select from a variety of designer labels. If you're limited on cash, opt for a wallet or coin purse (starting at $40) as a stocking stuffer.

Resist the urge to give up and buy a sweater or shirt. This "safe" gift will only show a lack of thought and time. Chances are you might mess up and give her the wrong size- which is never good. You'll also most likely be denied information when asking for pant or shirt size.

Don't buy lingerie - unless its Pink pajamas or a gift set from Victoria's Secret. They offer great fragrances and lotion sets at an affordable price as well.

Bath and Body Works offers the best scents in wide variety. Limit yourself to including one candle in the gift set. Stay away from purchasing a gift box set of three candles - it's too practical and meant for someone you don't know well.

If she's an artist, try packing together a sketch pad, pencils, charcoal and stencils inside a gift box wrapped with a ribbon.

**Visit these sites to find a gift for your woman:**

macys.com

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discountart.com

If your girlfriend is a romantic at heart, try something homemade. Make a CD of her favorite songs including a personal recording in the introduction wishing her a Merry Christmas. Be sure to include the year as a memento.

Women want gifts expressing care and thoughtfulness. If you're low on cash, promise a night away from the guys and schedule a date night for nighttime snuggling on the couch. It sounds cheesy but she'll love the time you plan to set aside for her.

If you really want to go all out, browse through the jewelry section of a department store. She's not going to expect a ring but a nice bracelet or necklace you know she'll love is a great gift. It doesn't have to be expensive, either. Select a handful of earrings or bracelets (starting at $7.99) at The Icing at Westfield Shoppingtown. If not, buy a nice pair of designer earrings beginning at $30.

# "A Christmas Story" delights audiences this holiday season

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**"A Christmas Story," currently showing at Theatre at the Center in Munster, is a delightful play filled with wonderful acting and holiday charm.**

**JADE LEE CULBERSON**
Senior Staff Writer

"A Christmas Story," based on the award-winning and time-honored film, provides magnificent holiday entertainment in Northwest Indiana this December. Munster resident Charles Gessert directs Jean Shepherd's hilarious autobiographical tale.

Norm Boucher is phenomenal as Ralph, a nostalgic man who vividly recollects a 1938 childhood Christmas in Hohman, Ind., when all he wanted was a Red Rider BB gun, despite everyone's warnings that "you'll shoot your eye out" with such a toy.

Young Ralphie (played magnificently and with remarkable facial expressions by Matt Gerhardt) is a fairly typical kid. He and his friends Flick (played by the talented George Mokdessi) and Schwartz (performed by a delightful young actor from Highland - Leonardo Garcia) get themselves into a bit of youthful trouble by daring each other to do things. This kind of encouragement is how Flick once finds himself with his tongue stuck to a cold metal pole in the schoolyard.

Ralphie is the subject of a childhood crush by schoolmate Ester Jane (a funny part radiantly delivered by the adorable Olivia Marcukaitis). He is also one of many targets menaced by local bully Scut Farkas (a role delivered by the gifted Brian T. Johnson).

More important to Ralphie, though, is his mission to receive a BB gun for Christmas. After careful consideration, Ralphie unleashes a plan to convince his mother (played by Mary Ernster) and father – better known as The Old Man (and played by John Reeger) – that he not only wants but needs the gun.

Hilarity ensues and before long the entire audience will be nostalgic for Christmases past.

Scenic designer Ann N. Davis and properties designer Stanlee K. Hodsden do a brilliant job of bringing the multi-tiered set to life. Whether showing a warm family home (complete with gooey oatmeal for breakfast), Ralphie's classroom, or Santaland at Goblatts department store, the stage moves through the play with the realism of a movie set.

Colored lights by lighting designer Carl Ulaszek take us inside Ralphie's imagination each time he loses himself in thought – imagining possible situations or fantasizing about his alternate life as a cowboy just like the Red Rider.

"A Christmas Story" is delightful with wonderful acting and all the charm of the film. Families seeking a holiday activity will find what they're looking for at Theatre at the Center.

**"A Christmas Story"**

Now through Dec. 17
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# Kal Penn on the brink of stardom

**ISABEL RODRIGUEZ**
Entertainment Editor

Kumar. Taj. Jeeter. Stanford.

Kal Penn is a man of many names. Yet when the day's over, he's just your average guy. He's a working actor and graduate student at Stanford.

Penn

Penn is unlike the characters he's played in several comedies. His partying during his undergraduate years at the University of California were different from those of his character Taj's at Coolidge College in "National Lampoon's Van Wilder" or Kumar in "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle."

"It was all about studying on the weekdays and partying during the weekends," said Penn in a phone interview.

Penn is currently enrolled in a few science classes and hopes to teach a college course in the near future.

"[I have a] passion for teaching," said Penn. "We'll see [how teaching works out]."

Penn said receiving an education is essential. However, he added his best breaks into an acting career required missing a few classes during his five-year struggle to fame.

"I missed a lot of college. My GPA wasn't the best," Penn said. "I wished I focused more on school."

Yet Penn doesn't regret the decision to miss a few classes for casting calls. He got several roles in low key films like "Badger," "Ball and Chain" and "Son of the Mask" and landed his big break with "National Lampoon's Van Wilder."

Penn summed up his reaction to his big break in one word: "whoa."

After the success of "Van Wilder," he was reluctant to sign on for the second. Penn believed Ryan Reynolds, who starred as Van Wilder, did a great job and saw no reason for a sequel. He assumed the second film would be a knock-off from the first, not a spin-off with Taj in the lead role.

"The script's funny," said Penn, adding that test audiences liked it, as well. "I play the stereotype. Everyone is dorky at one point in life."

He wasn't, however, reluctant to sign on for the sequel to "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle" which is currently untitled at the moment. This second film picks up from the last, where both Harold (John Choo) and Kumar (Kal Penn) venture to Amsterdam. Penn said the script this time around is ten times funnier than the first.

Penn said he enjoyed being on set, despite the pranks played on him by Choo. The best on set prank involved Choo licking Penn's face.

"When Kumar had to lick [Harold's] face, John sprayed bug spray on his face," said Penn. "He sprayed Deet. That stuff can cause brain damage and it tasted horrible. But I kept going.

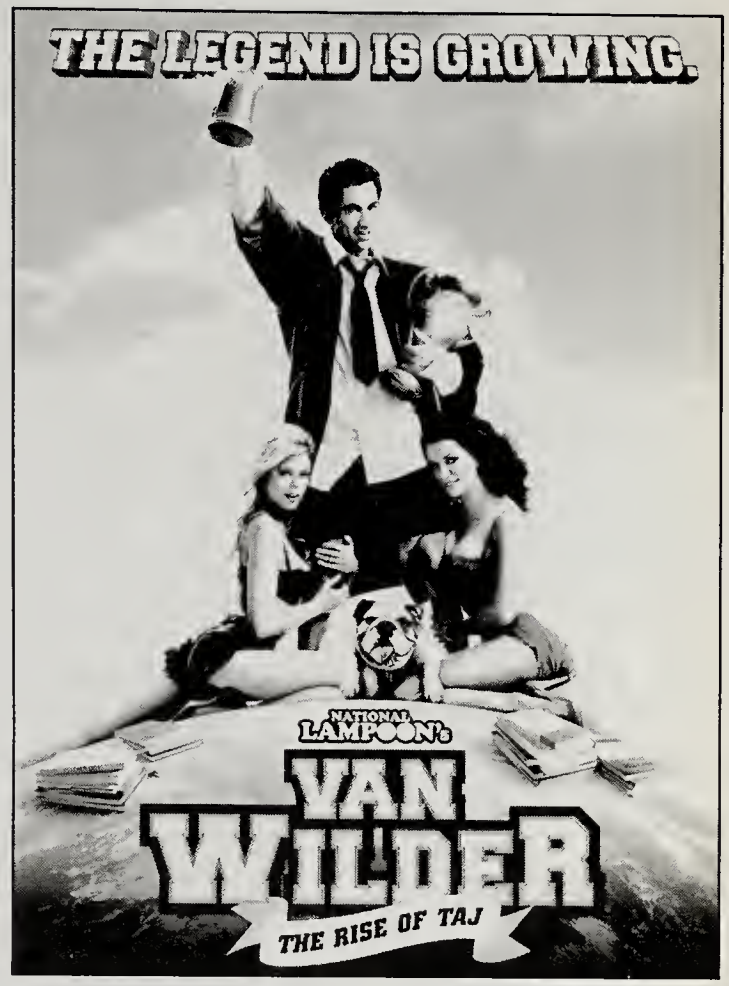
"It was not cool."

Fans have yet to see the last of Penn. He plans to break away from comedies and sign on for more dramas such as "Namesake," based on a book by Jhumpa Lahiri.

"It's like 'The Notebook' meets 'Catcher in Rye,'" Penn said. "And people are left crying, which is awesome."

But don't expect him to explore all all film genres.

"One goal; no action [films]," Penn laughed.




**Penn is currently starring in "National Lampoon's Van Wilder: The Rise of Taj," released in theatres last week.**

# 'Steambath' shows promise

**ELIZABETH WILKINSON**
*Managing Editor*

In "Steambath," the small cast is almost exclusively male and the entire play takes place on a single set. This may lead some to expect a play about men in a sauna, discussing life and all its problems. In fact, this couldn't be further from the truth. The men and women in "Steambath" spend time together in a sauna discussing death and the chances they blew back when they were alive.

The men in their skivvies are only one reason this play is not appropriate for children. The language and adult content are strong enough to prevent any children from being admitted.

In most college productions there are downfalls. In the first scene, one actor had to feed another his line. There were also several moments where a dramatic pause went on a few seconds too long - making audience members wonder if the pause was for effect or so the actor could remember his line. Otherwise, the student actors ranged from acceptable to strong.

Eric Roldan, a junior majoring in communication, was a stand out character as the attendant - a challenging role that he filled perfectly. Some of the supporting cast was not as strong, but none were unwatchable.

Given that PUC's theater, housed in Alumni Hall, is not high-tech or fancy by any means, the sets and lights were impressive. "Steambath" would not be complete without steam and a smoke machine to the side of the stage made sure that not a minute went by without steam on-stage. The steambath itself is pretty amazing albeit simple - tile walls, two mysterious doors, a shower, a computer desk and a few benches.

**"Steambath"**
**Friday, Dec. 8 at 8 p.m.**
**Saturday, Dec. 9 at 8 p.m.**
**Sunday, Dec 3. at 5 p.m.**
**Tickets are $12 for adults, $10 for seniors and free with a PUC ID.**

The story of "Steambath" is simple with very few surprises. The few surprises that are thrown in are confusing - mostly dance sequences that don't seem to have an explanation, nor do they add to the story.

"Steambath" was a simple production. While it was not a razzle-dazzle play, it was well-performed and enjoyable. The actual story of "Steambath" is its weakest component. Some may find it a little hard to swallow.

However, the Purdue Theatre Company seems to be gaining steam with their latest production. As the campus grows, and with the addition of the new YJean Chambers Hall next year, the theater company will hopefully begin to grow on their already steady foundation.

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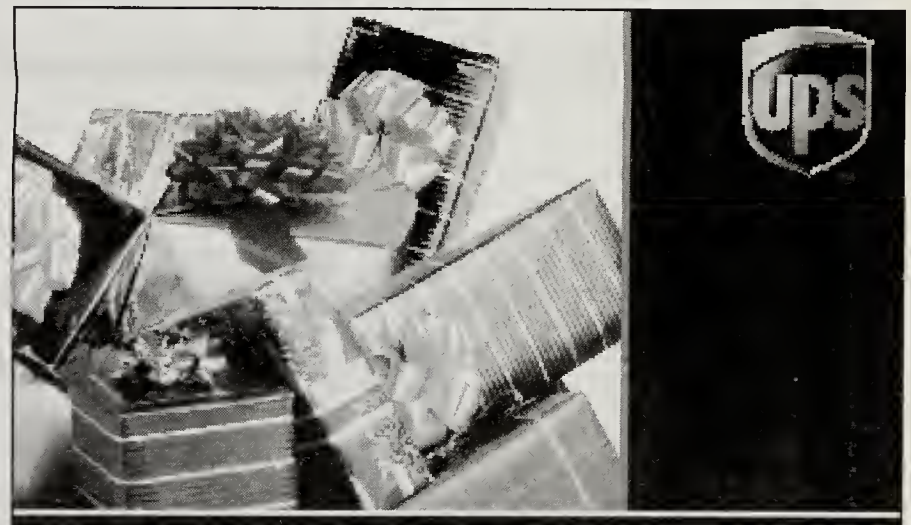


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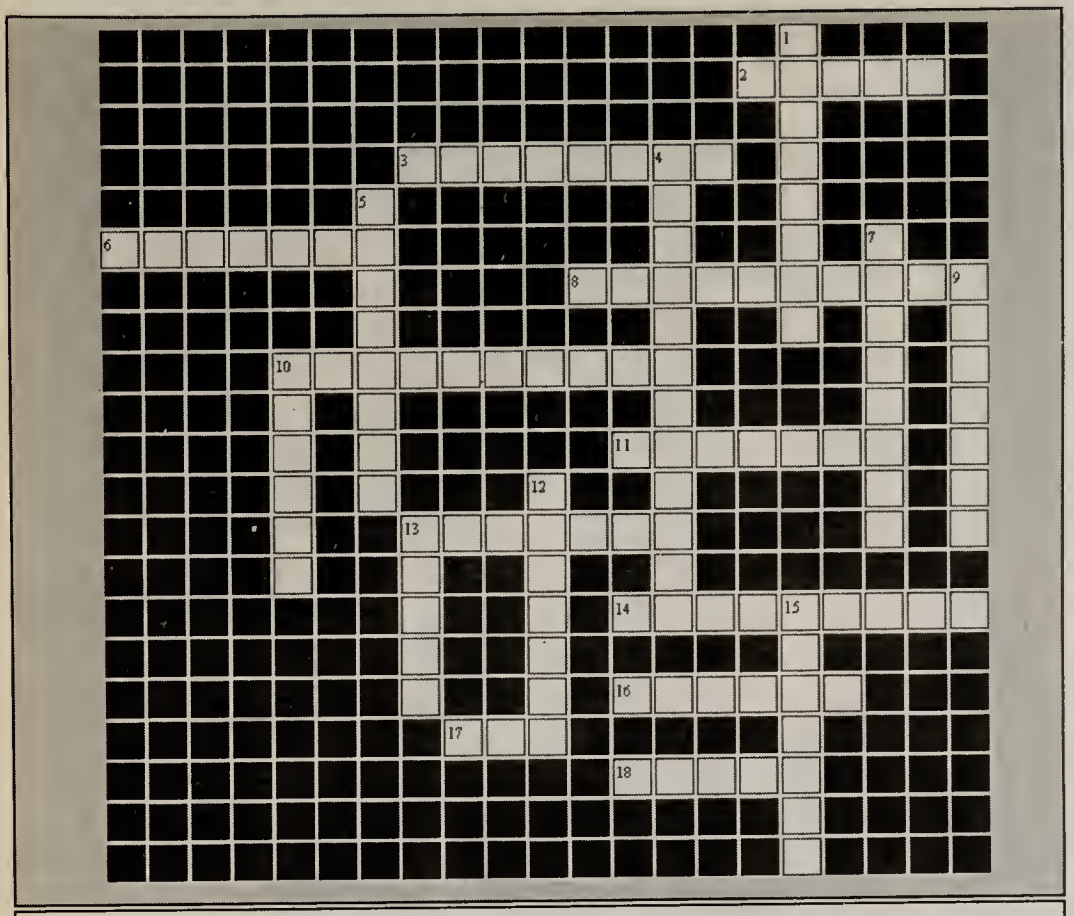

# Chronicle Crossword

## Bad holiday gifts

### Across

2.Bic has no place under the tree
3.Arguably the worst cologne ever
6.Movie treat in a canister
8.Effervescing in water
10.A CD that's not quite by Garth Brooks
11.Ok, as long as it doesn't come from the drugstore
13.Furry ceramics
14.Awful food item
16.Generic moisturizing gift
17.Dad's standby
18.Prevents cold feet but not a good present

### Down

1.Supposed to be relaxing; sometimes just weird
4.Dr. Huxtable's chest-covering
5.Little boy knickers
7.Outdated audio equipment
9.A place to hang your clothes
10.Curdled milk
12.Breakfast food- not meant to be in gift packs
13.Only adds to the holiday pounds
15.Tim Allen might like it....

## The Chronicle Weekly Weather Forecast

**Dec. 4**
Scattered flurries
27°/17°

**Dec. 5**
Partly cloudy
36°/29°

**Dec. 6**
Mostly cloudy
39°/14°

**Dec. 7**
Flurries
29°/14°

**Dec. 8**
Flurries
29°/25°

**Dec. 9**
Mostly sunny
42°/27°

**Dec. 10**
Partly cloudy
38°/27°

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# Sudoku

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# PUC Police Blotter

**11/28/06**
**3:05 a.m.**
**University Village**
Officer responded to the UV after receiving a call of a disturbance on the third floor, upon arrival it was learned that unknown offender(s) had taken the fire extinguisher from outside room 368 and discharged it. The subject(s) fled the area before being identified.
**3:47 a.m.**
**University Village**
Victim reported that after having a verbal argument with his girlfriend her friend started waving a knife him and made threats. No one was injured.
**12 p.m.**
**CLO 333**
Victim reported that some unknown subject(s) forced entry to the middle drawer of their desk . Nothing was missing however the desk drawer was damaged.
**1 p.m.**
**University Village**
Victim reported that some unknown subject(s) entered his locked dorm room and removed cash from his desk. Incident is under investigation.
**2:30 p.m.**
**Anderson 222**
Victim reported a subject came in to use his phone and after the subject left, the victim reported his cell phone was missing.
**5:40 p.m.**
**Parking Lot 9**
Victim reported that some unknown subject(s) damaged his card door to gain entry and then removed his stereo. Incident is under investigation.
**8:30 a.m.**
**Anderson 369**
Subject reported that she stored a computer in the storage room and when she returned for it the item was missing.
**11/29/06**
**12:45 p.m.**
**Parking Lot 9**
Victim advised that while her vehicle was parked in the parking lot some unknown subject(s) gained entry into her unlocked car and took her purse. Incidence is under investigation.
**11/30/06**
**2:59 a.m.**
**SUL**
Information was received about an employee missing during their work shift. The subject was located and the incidence was handled with their immediate supervision.
**12 p.m.**
**Parking Lot 9**
Subject reported that while attempting to enter the employee parking lot the gate came down and struck her vehicle, causing damage.
**9:15 a.m.**
**Lawshe Hall**
Victim reported she was walking and slipped injuring her hip and elbow. Subject refused additional medical treatment.
**12/1/06**
**2 p.m.**
**2330 173rd Street**
Officer towed a red Nissan Altima from the parking lot which had no current plate and had not been moved for over a week.

# Peregrines drop a close one, 80-74

JEREMY HOMAN
Staff Writer

The Peregrine men's basketball team traveled to Fort Wayne Saturday afternoon to compete against Indiana Tech. After winning their last two contests, the Peregrines looked to make it three in a row but failed to do so dropping a close one 80-74.

Early in the game the Peregrines held a 5-2 lead. Things looked good, but quickly took a turn for the worst.

The Tech defense forced turnovers and their offense took care of business. Four minutes into the game, Indiana Tech went on a 9-0 run to grasp the lead by six and didn't look back the entire half.

After the run, Head Coach Mike James called a timeout in an attempt to calm the Peregrines down. PUC stayed close, but at one point Indiana Tech jumped to a double-digit lead.

Junior guard Steve Polak, who has been a key player for the Peregrines all season, had foul trouble early which forced him to sit.

The Peregrines had trouble overcoming Indiana Tech's press defense.

"They did some things that are hard to simulate in practice," said James.

Sophomore forward Charles Cruz continued to be an impact player, keeping his team in the game until the end. Cruz was the leading scorer for the Peregrines with 21 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Junior forward Vince Johnson stepped up his game, scoring 16.

The Peregrines, who have been shooting well from the 3-point arc, only shot 19 percent during the game.

"We settled for some jump shots when I think we could have attacked the basket," said James.

The Peregrines tied it down the stretch, but Indiana Tech kept ahead for a close win, 80-74.

"We fought hard," said Cruz. "The game could have went either way."

## Turnovers

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20, despite being down the Lady Peregrines refused to quit. Although PUC attempted to get a hold of every dead ball, turnovers and bad shot choice continued to haunt them throughout the game.

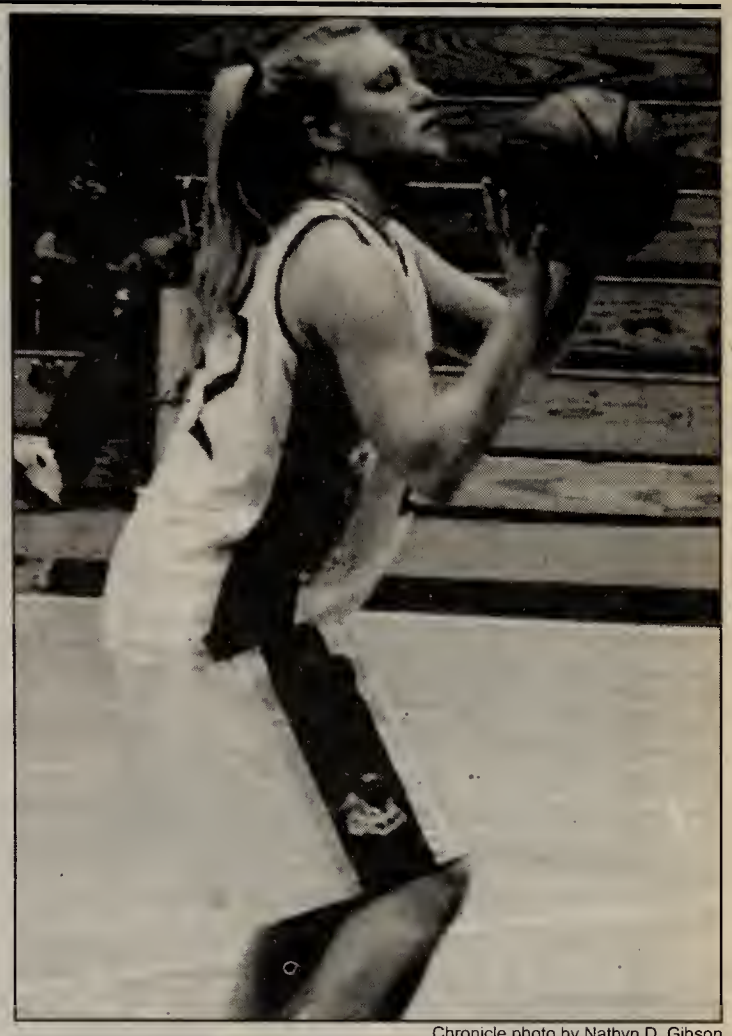
With three minutes left, PUC was down by 15 and began to slowly close the gap. Junior guard/forward Krystal Rigoni picked up a foul and downed both from the line and senior center Jessica Hamman hit two from inside.

Hamman had a game total of 10 points and 10 rebounds, right behind junior forward/center Stephanie Peacock who led the team in scoring with 12 points and five rebounds.

The Lady Peregrines weren't able to catch the Lady Saints in the end.

Siena Heights defeated PUC 56-45.

"If we'd run offense like the last five minutes we'd be able to play anyone," said Coach Smith.



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**Junior guard/forward Krystal Rigoni lines up for a free throw during Saturday's 56-45 loss against Siena Heights University.**

# Chronicle Fantasy Showdown

## Showdown scoring

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| Passing Touchdowns= 6 Points | Field Goals 40-49 Yards= 4 Points |
| Interceptions= -2 Points | Field Goals 50+ Yards= 5 Points |
| Passing Yards per 50 Yards= 1 Point | Point After Attempt Made= 1 Points |
| Rushing Touchdowns= 6 Points | Allowing 0 points= 10 Points |
| Rushing Yards per 20 Yards= 1 Point | Allowing 1-6 points= 7 Points |
| Reception Touchdowns= 6 Points | Allowing 7-13 points= 4 Points |
| Reception Yards per 20 Yards= 1 Point | Allowing 14-20 points= 1 Point |
| Return Touchdowns= 6 Points | Points Allowed 21-27 points 0 Points |
| Offensive Fumble Return TD= -6 Points | Points Allowed 28-34 points -1 Points |
| 2-Point Conversions= 2 Points | Points Allowed 35+ points= -4 Points |
| Fumbles Lost= -2 Points | Sack 1 Point |
| Field Goals 0-19 Yards= 3 Points | Interception= 2 Points |
| Field Goals 20-29 Yards= 3 Points | Fumble Recovery= 2 Points |
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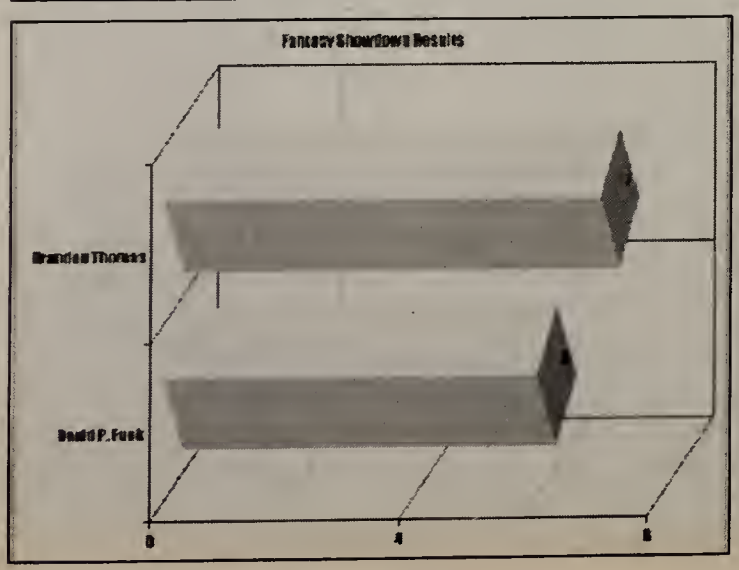


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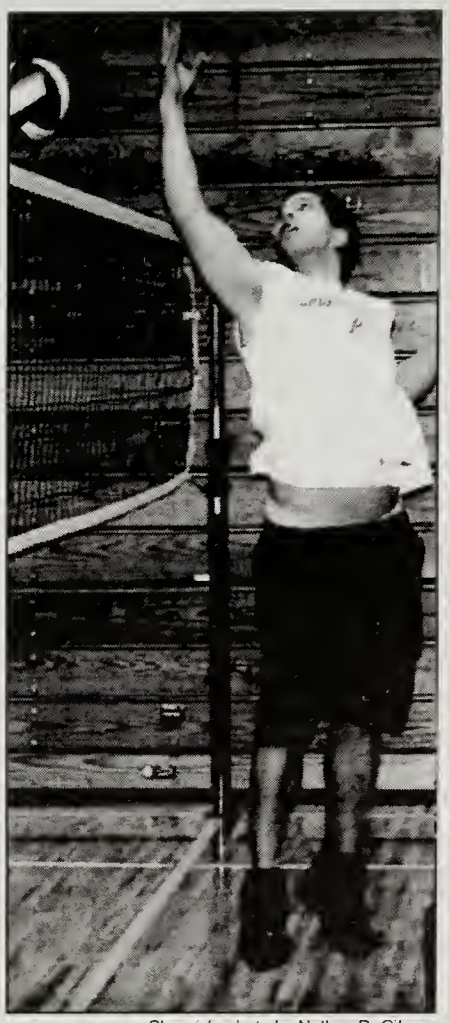
# Top seeded teams defeated in playoffs

## Playoff action began in intramural volleyball as two of the top seeded teams were knocked out of the competition

**JOE WIELOSINSKI**
Staff Writer



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**Freshman Marko Korlat of the PUC Spikers goes for the kill in the first round of playoffs games Thursday night.**

Of the top seeded teams, two were defeated in the intramural volleyball playoffs this past Thursday in the REC Center Gym. The playoffs will continue this week and the champions will be crowned.

South Divisions number one seeded Bigger Dogs were victorious in their first set against Hawaiian Punch, 21-15, but lost the next two sets 21-17 and 21-18.

In the North Division, number five seeded Big Dogs Revenge II defeated number four seeded Get Ripped via default, but they weren't done for the night as Big Dogs Revenge II competed in the second round of playoff games against The Eagles.

Big Dogs Revenge II took the first set 21-19, but came up short and lost the last two 22-20 each.

"I'm disappointed," said Patricia Mellon, an academic advisor in communication and member of Big Dogs Revenge II. "I'm so sad that it ended."

Also on the north court, This Won't Last Long took on the PUC Spikers. Despite a good effort, the Spikers came up short, 24-25, 21-18 and 21-8.

"We did well and I just hope that we can continue winning," said Dan Trzeciak, This Won't Last Long team member and sophomore television broadcasting majoring.

This Won't Last Long continued, as they played their second round playoff game against the North Divisions top seeded Bad News Bears.

The extra rest seemed to help out the Bears as they completed a sweep, winning both sets by a score of 21-15.

"I'm proud of our team," said freshman Madelyn Quiter, member of the Bad News Bears. "We did well working together and we were able to keep our undefeated streak alive."

Bump, Set, Spike was victorious over Pokemon in their first match by scores of 21-7 and 21-16. They moved on to face the number two seeded A Taint Away. The volley action was good and the teams split the first two games. Players from both teams showed a lot of enthusiasm and despite taking an early lead in the final game, Bump, Set, Spike lost 24-22.

***Volleyball Championship***
**Thursday at 8 p.m.**
**North Division finals:**
**A Taint Away vs.**
**Bad News Bears**

**South Division finals:**
**Hawaiian Punch vs.**
**The Eagles**

**The winners will meet in the championship.**

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# Sofa King crowned champions

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**Sofa King celebrate their 63-28 victory over the Kroons-N-Goons in Monday night's Intramural Flag Football Bowl VI. Championship T-shirts were given to the Sofa King members after the win.**

**JOE WIELOSINSKI**
Staff Writer

Sofa King reigned victorious over the Kroons-N-Goons by a final score of 63-28 in the intramural flag football championship Monday night in the REC center gym.

The game was fast paced and both teams scored on their first two drives. However, Sofa King took a big lead and victory looked doubtful for the Kroons-N-Goons as they trailed big, 28-7 after the first half.

Entering the second half, the Kroons-N-Goons continued to compete hard and players were cheering each other on from the sidelines.

After scoring an early touchdown the Kroons-N-Goons recovered an onside kick but were unable to score.

Sofa King took advantage.

After another touchdown and an interception which was returned for a touchdown, Sofa King locked up their championship victory with well over a minute to play.

"We beat ourselves up," said Chris Mackin, a junior majoring in human resources and Kroons-N-Goons teammate.

"We had good team chemistry and good team work and that's what led to our victory," said Dragan Trakovski, a junior majoring in finance.

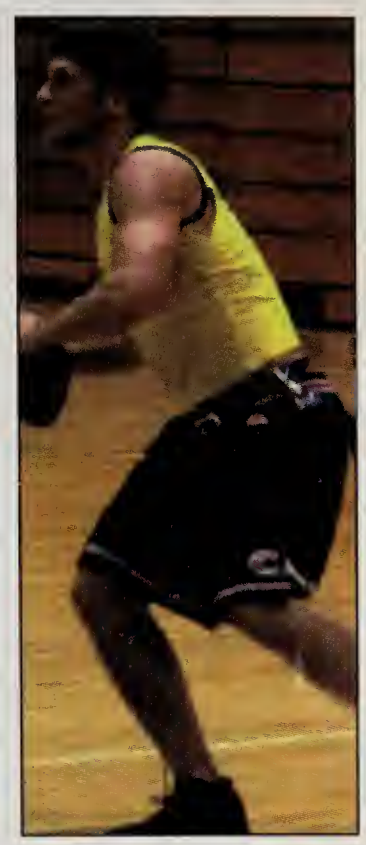
Sofa King capped off an undefeated season, as the team went 10-0 during the regular season and 3-0 in the playoffs.

"It was a long road in going undefeated," said John Metzger, a senior majoring in criminal justice. "We took it easy and took every game one at a time."

After the game, championship t-shirts were handed out to all the Sofa King players.

"We did have a few players who took the games a little too seriously, but overall, I think the season went well," said Matt Dudzik, intramural sports coordinator.

Changes are already being made for the next season of flag football. According to Dudzik, the current plan is to have half of the games played outside.



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**Adam Anderson looks downfield for a receiver for the Sofa King. Anderson led them to win the championship.**

# Turnovers contribute to ladies' loss

**JESSICA COCHRAN**
*Sports Editor*

The Lady Peregrines hosted the Siena Heights University Saints Saturday afternoon in what was bound to be an intense and aggressive competition from the start. Siena Heights took the game 56-45.

During the second half, a dispute between Head Coach Dennis Smith and a referee resulted in a technical foul against the Lady Peregrines and a rowdy PUC crowd shouted their frustration with the continuous fouls called on their team. Throughout the game, the Lady Peregrines shot 71.4 percent from the line and 37 percent overall. However, both teams battled to control the ball for a combined total of 80 turnovers, 47 of which came from PUC.

The start of the first half showed a lethargic and sloppy PUC team. Bad passes and missed shots hurt the Lady Peregrines and contributed to Siena Height's quick nine point lead.

"Somebody get fired up out there," yelled Assistant Coach Rick Sullivan from the sidelines. "Come on, we want this."

After a fast break and lay-up by sophomore guard Ashley Sampson, with a game total of nine points and two rebounds, the Lady Peregrines seemed to gain the focus and control that was missing and came within five points of the lead. An aggressive PUC fought to close the gap; but came up short 27-19 going into halftime.

Stepping back onto the court after the break, the Lady Peregrines looked focused and ready to play, but two fouls called on PUC within the first minute gave Siena Heights an 11 point lead and additional confidence.

Midway through the second half Siena Heights was leading by

**See Turnovers page 10**

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**Junior guard/forward Linsey Smith drives through Siena Heights defense during Saturday's game.**

## This Week in Basketball

**Peregrines**
@ PNC
Tuesday, Nov. 5
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Michigan City

**Lady Peregrines**
vs. Trinity Christian
Tuesday, Nov. 5
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: REC Center Gym

**Lady Peregrines**
vs. Davenport College
Saturday, Dec. 9
Time: 1 p.m.
Location: REC Center Gym

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